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Facilities at Port Elizabeth
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Airport

1. I traveled by Comet from London to Johannesburg and then by Constellation from Johannesburg to the airport of Port Elizabeth. The airport is being enlarged. I suspect that provisions are being made to handle jet planes at this location.

Harbor

2. The present 25X1A capacity of the marine port is 14 cargo ships and 2-3 tankers. I heard that its capacity is being doubled and that within two years it is expected that sufficient wharfage will be completed to handle 20 cargo or passenger ships and 3-4 tankers.
3. The docks were guarded by police who required passes before permitting entrance to the docks.
4. Radar installations were noted about the town and harbor, but I do not believe that they were operative while I was there.

Port Elizabeth Area

5. The town of Port Elizabeth and the surrounding area is growing very rapidly. It has an aggressive Visitors Information Bureau that publishes a brochure of 192 pages entitled "Port Elizabeth", which contains comprehensive information related to the scope of industry, climate, educational facilities, electric light, water, rates and taxes, immigration regulations, etc. The purpose of this publication is to encourage the growth of industry and tourism.

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